

## **EXHIBIT D**



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VIA FACSIMILE

Re: Alleged Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,114,894

Dear Mr. Earp:

We have received your November 16, 2007 letter, which frankly we find non-responsive to our detailed assertion of infringement. You should have full knowledge of your client's product, and the '894 patent and its prosecution history are readily available to you. Yet, you provide absolutely no basis as to why your client's product does not infringe the '894 patent.

In an attempt to resolve this matter amicably, we will extend the response date to November 28, 2007. That is almost three full weeks after our initial contact with Hy-Ko. If we do not have a substantive response by November 28, 2007, we will proceed with steps to protect Hillman's patent rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Isaac', written over the name 'Christopher P. Isaac' which is printed below it.

Christopher P. Isaac

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